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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING NO. 17-2012  
Wednesday, July 25, 2012**

The City of Rockville Planning Commission convened in regular session in the Mayor and Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, 2012.

**PRESENT**

David Hill, Chair  
John Tyner  
Jerry Callistein  
Kate Ostell  
Dion Trahan  
Jack Leiderman

**Absent:** Don Hadley

**Present:** Andrew Gunning, Assistant Director, CPDS  
Marcy Waxman, Assistant City Attorney  
David Levy, Chief of Long Range Planning  
Manisha Tewari, Planner II  
Craig Simoneau, Chief of Department of Public Works  
Peter Campanides, Traffic Engineer

Chair Hill opened the meeting by informing everyone that an official decision was issued in a letter on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and was signed by Jim Wasilak, Chief of Planning, for the Final Record Plat, PLT2012-00517 for 104 W. Jefferson Street, as mandated by the State of Maryland.

He also stated that Site Plan STP2012-00112 at 1900 Chapman Avenue has been postponed until August 8<sup>th</sup> to allow ample time for the meeting notices to be sent.

**I. PUBLIC HEARING AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Public Hearing on Annexation Plan for ANX 2012-00144**, proposed annexation of a portion of Shady Grove Road.

Manisha Tawari presented the staff report and answered questions from the Commission.

Jeffrey Jones, a Gaithersburg resident who lives at 16 Fedor Avenue (on the corner of Pleasant Road and Federal Avenue) stated that he is the only homeowner involved and affected by the

annexation, and would like to keep things as they are for the following reasons: 1) he has eight children enrolled in Gaithersburg schools and neither he nor they want to change to Rockville schools, 2) he does not want his taxes to increase, and 3) wants to know how he will be affected by City law vs. County law.

Betal Kumar, a Gaithersburg resident, asked, 1) If the annexation is going to become a legal matter or a political one?, 2) Who will make the decision of whose locale the property will be annexed into?, 3) Will the zoning change if the property gets annexed into the City of Rockville?, and 4) Where is the money going to come from to maintain the property?

Chairman Hill clarified for the speakers that their property is not subject to this annexation proposal at this time, but it is possible in the future.

Commissioner Tyner moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostell, to recommend the Mayor and Council approve Annexation Plan ANX2012-00144, for annexation of a portion of Shady Grove Road with a condition that if any slight or minor inaccuracies show up in the metes and bounds, they would be included as part of the recommendation as well.

Commissioner Ostell offered a friendly amendment, stating that “minor” would be that whatever is being annexed remains in the roadway and doesn’t affect private property, i.e., someone’s home or business. The vote was 5-0-1 (Commissioner Callistein abstained, Commissioner Hadley was absent).

## **II. WORK SESSION ITEMS**

### **Work Session Twenty-three on the Draft Rockville Pike Plan: Transportation.**

Craig Simoneau presented the staff report stating it will be presented in two parts: Rockville Pike Alternatives and Network Street Types.

Peter Campanides began the discussion surrounding Rockville Pike Boulevard Alternatives, Rapid Transit Vehicles (RTV) aka Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and Lane Size: Center Lane vs. Right Lane. He also discussed two-way access lanes in the Middle and North Pike Boulevard and the reduction in the curb cuts accessing Rockville Pike.

The following Straw Votes were taken for the revised draft:

1. Commissioner Tyner recommended, seconded by Commissioner Callistein, that the Commission approve Revised Alternative 9 as the preferred alternative for the Rockville Pike section. The vote was 5-1 (Commissioner Leiderman voted No).
2. Commissioner Tyner recommended, seconded by Commissioner Ostell, for one-way access roads along both sides of Rockville Pike as shown in Figure B of the Staff Report. The vote was 4-2 (Commissioners Hill and Leiderman voted No).

3. Commissioner Tyner moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostell, to approve the limiting of the number of existing and proposed access points and traffic signals within the study limits as shown in Table 1, page 6 of the Staff Report. The vote was unanimous, 6-0.
4. Commissioner Tyner recommended, seconded by Commissioner Callistein, to approve two new traffic signals on the East Side, north of the proposed mid-Pike signal between Edmonston Drive and Wooton Parkway. The vote was unanimous, 6-0.
5. Commissioner Tyner recommended, seconded by Commissioner Callistein, to approve two merge lane patterns into access lanes on a case-by-case basis. The vote was unanimous, 6-0.

### **III. COMMISSION ITEMS**

- A. Staff Liaison Report – Mr. Gunning provided an update for the upcoming meeting.
- B. Old Business
- C. New Business
  1. Chair Hill suggested the Commission hold a special meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> to consider a response to the Annexation and discuss Rockville's maximum expansion limits.
  2. Commissioner Callistein moved, seconded by Commissioner Tyner, to schedule a special meeting on August 29 to address the possible annexation issue. The Vote was 4-2 (Commissioners Trahan and Ostell voted No).
- D. Minutes
  1. Commissioner Tyner moved, seconded by Commissioner Callistein, to approve the minutes from May 9, 2012 for Meeting Number 11-12. The vote was 4-0-2 (Commissioners Hill and Leiderman abstained).
  2. Commissioner Tyner moved, seconded by Commissioner Callistein, to approve the minutes from May 23, 2012 for Meeting Number 12-12. The vote was 5-0-1 (Commissioner Leiderman abstained).
  3. Commissioner Tyner moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostell, to approve the minutes from June 13, 2012 for Meeting Number 13-12. The vote was unanimous, 6-0.
- E. FYI Correspondence

### **D. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandra Y. Driver, Commission Secretary